

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A Letter to the Official Draftsman is attached with new drawing sheets for Figures 1-5. These sheets replace the original sheets of Figures 1-5.

Also, a proposed change to Figure 2 has been made in red.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Arent et al. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arent et al. in view of MacDonald. Claims 3 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arent et al. in view of Schrock et al. Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arent et al. in view of Chomiak. Claims 9, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arent et al. in view of Janser. Claims 4, 5 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Payer for the consideration given to applicant's attorney during the interview of October 12, 2005. As a result of the interview, agreement was reached on claim language, as well as necessary changes to the specification. Accordingly, in view of the agreement reached during the interview, the application should be in condition for allowance subject to an updated search.

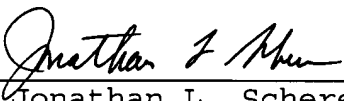
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for

allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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